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Teenage \$ex 4 \$ale

Documentary to Shed Light, Discuss Services for Survivors of Sex Trafficking

Sacramento, CA – Today, in partnership with the California District Attorneys Association, the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) will host a screening of <u>Teenage \$ex 4 \$ale</u>, a human trafficking documentary that exposes the problem of sexual exploitation within our own state borders.

"For some time there has been the misconception that human trafficking is an evil that only happens in faraway countries, but make no mistake, it is happening right here," said CalVCP Board Member and San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael A. Ramos. "In fact, the California Attorney General's Office reports California as one of the nation's top four destination states for trafficking human beings."

California district attorneys, legislators, sheriffs, police chiefs, victim advocates and nonprofits will gather at the Crest Theatre at 5:00 p.m. for the viewing, which aims to raise awareness of domestic sex trafficking and highlight current efforts to assist victims and administer justice. Produced by the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, *Teenage \$ex 4 \$ale* examines victim stories, boastful pimps, and one woman's quest to open a home for female survivors. In addition to providing a real look inside human trafficking, the film features a unique coalition of government agencies in Southern California that are reaching deep into the community to eradicate this horrific injustice.

"I am honored to host District Attorney Ramos for this screening and to discuss collaborative ways each of us can help eliminate this hidden evil," said Julie Nauman, CalVCP Executive Officer.

The viewing will be preceded by a reception at 5:00 p.m. and followed by a question and answer session with District Attorney Ramos at 6:30 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, visit http://calvcp.ca.gov/victimsrightsmonth/documentary.aspx.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Last fiscal year, the program assisted more than 600 individuals each week, and provided nearly \$62 million in compensation to crime victims.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral

expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.
For more information about victims' rights and services, visit CalVCP at <u>calvcp.ca.gov</u> .